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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PACIFIC
ISLANDS

1. RENOUF MEETING WITH GELB - AMB. RENOUF CALLED ON
PM DIRECTOR GELB JANUARY 6 PRIMARILY FOR BRIEFING ON EVENTS
IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. ALTHOUGH NOT ON THE ORIGINAL
AGENDA, HE ALSO REQUESTED, ON INSTRUCTION, CLARIFICATIONS
OF HOW WE VIEWED THE SUPREME INTEREST, WITHDRAWAL, AND
UTILIZATIONS FACETS OF ANY INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATION
AGREEMENT. THE GOA APPARENTLY WAS CONCERNED THAT A
WITHDRAWAL CLAUSE CALLING FOR A SPECIFIED NOTIFICATION
PERIOD MIGHT EFFECTIVELY NEGATE A SUPREME INTEREST

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CLAUSE. THEY WERE ALSO CONCERNED THAT LIMITS ON
UTILIZATION MIGHT PROHIBIT THE USE OF NEW AUSTRALIAN
FACILITIES (COCKBURN SOUND) FOR ROUTINE VISITS. GELB
EFFECTIVELY ALLAYED BOTH CONCERNS. A FULL MEMCON OF
THE MEETING IS NOW BEING CLEARED. (SECRET)

2. SOVIET SHIPS TO VISIT TASMANIA - THE GOA HAS GIVEN

PERMISSION FOR TWO SOVIET RESEARCH SHIPS, ONE SURFACE AND ONE SUBMARINE, TO VISIT HOBART, TASMANIA JANUARY 16-20. THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT IT ALSO EXPECTS TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FOR THE SHIPS TO

VISIT ALTHOUGH IT APPRENTLY HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED DIRECTLY BY THE USSR. (SECRET)

3. COURT CASE INVOLVING WILDLIFE SMUGGLING - AFTER SOME THREE YEARS OF PREPARATION, TRIAL WILL BEGIN IN PHILADELPHIA ON JANUARY 13 CONCERNING THE ALLEGED SMUGGLING OF ENDANGERED SPECIES INTO THE US FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC. THE TRIAL LAWYER HAS INFORMED US THAT HE FEELS HE HAS A GOOD CASE WITH REGARD TO SMUGGLING FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA BUT IS LESS SANGUINE ABOUT THE FIJIAN SIDE OF THE CASE BECAUSE OF SOME GAPS IN THOSE EXCERPTS OF FIJIAN LAW THAT ARE BEING USED TO PROVE SMUGGLING OUT OF FIJI. THE PNG GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE CASE CLOSELY AND HAS AUTHORIZED PETER PAYPOOL, SECOND SECRETARY, TO TESTIFY CONCERNING PNG LAWS AND REGULATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

4. NUCLEAR MATTERS - JOE NYE MET WITH AUSTRALIAN JUSTICE FOX JANUARY 10 FOR A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON ON INFCE AND NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS. FOX STRONGLY FAVORED CONTINUED CLOSE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON NUCLEAR
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ISSUES. NYE WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND IT IS LIKELY THAT WE WILL BE MEETING MORE FORMALLY WITH THE GOA IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. NO VENUE WAS SET BUT BOTH SIDES INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL TO THE OTHER'S CAPITAL. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS - AT A HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING IN SAN DIEGO, JAN. 7-9 US AMBASSADOR PETER ROSENBLATT GAVE THE THREE MICRONESIAN DELEGATIONS (REPRESENTING THE MARSHALLS, PALAU, AND THE FOUR CENTRAL DISTRICTS) A USG WORKING PAPER ON FREE ASSOCIATION. THE PAPER IS A REVISION OF THE 1976 DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION. AFTER READING OUR PAPER, THE MICRONESIANS REJECTED ANY CONCEPT OF FREE ASSOCIATION THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHT OF UNILATERAL TERMINATION AT ANY TIME. THEY DID, HOWEVER, DISCUSS POSSIBLE COMPROMISE FORMULATIONS AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH COUNTER PROPOSALS, HOPEFULLY WITHIN 30 DAYS.

6. GAO SEEKS INFO ON WESTERN SAMOA - ON JANUARY 10 I BRIEFED HENRY HINTON OF THE GAO ON WESTERN SAMOA AND

ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICAN SAMOA. HINTON, WHO HAD REQUESTED THE BRIEFING, SAID THE GAO WAS DOING A STUDY ON AMERICAN SAMOA AND WANTED TO KNOW FOR COMPARISON'S SAKE HOW ITS NEIGHBOR ORDERED ITS ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL LIFE. HINTON INDICATED THAT HIS FOUR-WEEK STAY IN AMERICAN SAMOA WOULD RESULT IN A REPORT THAT WOULD BE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE TERRITORY'S ADMINISTRATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. DEPUTY STR WOLFF'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND- ON JANUARY 10 AL HEGBERG OF EP AND I BRIEFED TWO OF WOLFF'S STAFF MEMBERS ON ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. WE WILL ALSO BE PREPARING WRITTEN BRIEFING MATERIAL
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